

Appl. No. 09/612,238
Amdt. dated May 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 9, 2004

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration followed by allowance.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation allowability of claims 21-27. Other claims have been canceled without prejudice to their presentation in a continuation or other application.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned by telephone. Applicants want to ensure all matters are addressed and resolved so the Examiner is satisfied. Applicants solicit a Notice of Allowance.

The cover sheet(s) and this amendment (which includes a petition for extension of time) have been filed this 6th day of July 2004 by facsimile to 703-872-9306.

Respectfully submitted,

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